

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston in Stromness, Orkney

From: Wm Halcro

Sir,

I had the pleasure of being in company with your daughter las night at her aunts. She is very well at present and very glade Notwithstanding her misfortune on her passage, that she has left the contry and I hope will do very well here. I received ane account last night of my cousin's death which gives me some concern butt I hope you'll take care that Vander Snook's offspring do not impose on his heirs which will be a great satisfaction to me. I would take it as a favour if you'll write me as soon as this comes to your hand and lett me know what news there is in the contry especially concerning Vander Snook's proceedings. I hear that Crukshank is of that Side of the House. I have not wrote to him since I came home but I should beg xxxxxx to xxxx hear that he is well and his family.

Don fail to send me all the news you can think on. Make my compliments to Mr Sand and family. I hope this will find you and your spouse in good health and all your family is the earnest wish

Of your friend and humble servant

Wm Halcro

London Aug 10th 1770

Please to direct for me to the care of Mr Wm Fotheringham in Nightingale Lane, London